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NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES RISES SHARPLY

MORE AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES IN SLOVAKIA -- Prague, Lidova Demokracie, 29 Dec 50

During the first 11 months of 1950, the Gottwald Five-Year Plan for industry was fulfilled in Slovakia by 101.9 percent. In the first 2 months of 1950, there were 767 Unified Agricultural Cooperatives and 488 Preparatory Committees, with few higher-type cooperatives. About 880 cooperatives organized common reaping and threshing. By the end of November, however, there were already 1,383 Unified Agricultural Cooperatives, in 41.2 percent of Slovakia's obec. Altogether there were a total of 1,888 Unified Agricultural Cooperatives and Preparatory Committees in 56.2 percent of the obec of Slovakia The hedgerows were plowed up on more than 200,000 hectares of arable land by about 750 Unified Agricultural Cooperatives.

A total of 335 cooperatives adapted about 600 buildings for use for 20,000 head of livestock.

MORE CO-OP DAIRY BARNS PLANNED -- Prague, Hospodar, 30 Nov 50

By 1953, the Five-Year Plan aims to increase livestock production 66 percent, as compared with the 1948 figure. Most important for the Czechoslovak economy is dairy husbandry. According to the Ministry of Agriculture, by the end of 1950 a total of 1,400 collective dairy barns will have been adapted, including 1,000 in the Czech Provinces and 400 in Slovakia. Between 1 January and 31 March 1951, an additional 850 will be erected and adapted. In more than 350 obec cooperative dairy barns are being constructed, of which 65 are already completed.

CO-OP FARMS GAIN IN NUMBERS -- Prague, Lidove Noviny, 16 Jan 51

By 15 December every other obec in Czechoslovakia had either a Unified Agricultural Cooperative or a Preparatory Committee. In one quarter of the nation's obec there are higher-type cooperatives. Up to the present, 3,721

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cooperatives have plowed up the hedgerows and cultivated cooperatively 1,000,000 hectares of soil. It is, however difficult to evaluate their accomplishments without knowing the final figures on the account books. Thus far, 3,000 cooperatives have finished balancing their accounts. In this same connection, higher-type establishments need full-time and well qualified bookkeepers. Consequently, in December 1,000 cooperative members took the necessary training to qualify in this capacity, and at present another 1,000 are undergoing the required schooling.

BUILDING OF CO-OP DAIRY BARNS LAGS -- Prague, Rude Pravo, 23 Dec 50

The Unified Agricultural Cooperatives are far behind with their construction of cooperative dairy barns. The total of 145 barns built and adapted in Prague Kraj represents only 54 percent of the objective for the year. In view of this, an all-out effort would seem urgent. The best record, as far as the cooperation of all segments of the National Front and the population in general is concerned, is held by Rakovnik Okres, with Prague-North and Prague-West not far behind. The worst performance by far is that of Melnik, Pribram, and Kralupy nad Vltavou. The following shows the accomplishments as of 18 December.

Okres	Barns Built	1950 Quota Fulfillment (%)
Rakovnik	37	60
Prague-West	10	50
Prague-North	7	75
Ricany	9	60
Nymburk	7	60
Kladno	10	40
Horovice	8	45
Sedlcany	6	83
Prague-South	4	45
Votice	2	80
Kolin	3	35
Prague-East	7	85
Dobris	4	47
Nove Straseci	3	45
Benesov	3	35
Mlada Boleslav	3	50
Brandys	2	80
Slany	5	30
Kutna Hora	3	50
Beroun	2	60
Cesky Brod	1	80
Vlasim	1	60
Podebrady	1	32
Kralupy nad Vltavou	1	42
Pribram	4	60
Melnik	1	25
Total	145	54

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